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Council eyes performance reviews for volunteer firefighters

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors are disagreeing over whether members of the Minden Hills fire department should be subject to employee performance appraisals.

A heated conversation on the subject took place during a June 8 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

On direction from council, fire chief Doug Schell had drawn up a report on conducting performance reviews for firefighters.

It was Schell's recommendation that council not proceed with such a process.

"Personally, I don't see the benefit of this," Schell told councillors. "They do give up a lot for the benefit of the community. It's just adding more stress to the firefighters."

He also pointed out that such reviews are not conducted within the other municipalities of Haliburton County, which also have volunteer fire departments.

"I checked with the three other municipalities and they don't do performance reviews of their firefighters," Schell said.

The chief added that recruiting volunteers to the department can be challenging enough, and that being subject to performance reviews may make recruitment more difficult, or alienate existing firefighters.

"Performance reviews should be a positive experience for everyone," said Councillor

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County fair rises to the occasion

Beau Gilmour from Haliburton gets a helping hand from his dad, Darren, at the Haliburton County Fair held in Minden on June 10. Alongside agricultural displays and activities, visitors enjoyed a kids' play area, classic car show, live music and craft beer sampling. More on page 9. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Funeral home withstands flood

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The funeral home has dried out, but the business has not.

After this year's flooding in Minden wreaked havoc on the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home again, Kirsten Monk, who shares the Bobcaygeon Road business with her husband Barry Cray, was exhausted.

Now, a month later, she still breaks down after the stress of working through long nights to prevent major damage to the building while continuing to serve the community's needs.

"We're still surviving, and still somewhat laughing," said Monk. "I try to have those meltdowns when no one's around."

Funeral services, with the help of service clubs and churches, have continued. The business usually averages between 10 and 12 funerals a month, and is now holding an average of eight services while work on restoring the building continues.

"What can you do?" said Monk. "You have to keep being there, and helping out, and doing what you can."

The funeral home has been dried out since the flood waters ravaged it after a sump pump quit on May 9. Drywall has been replaced and bathrooms have been retiled. The family hopes the business will be completely up and running again, hosting all services in the building on Bobcaygeon Road, by mid-July.

"I know there are rumours that we lost the business, or that we're moving the building, but we are working with people who have a plan," said Monk. "They've figured out what we need, where to place the stones to help us barricade so we don't have to sandbag as

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Campbell named Senior of the Year

Congratulations to Pat Campbell, who was named the Minden Hills Senior of the Year and awarded a plaque and flowers by Reeve Brent Devolin at a June 8 council meeting. Campbell, who operated a family business in Minden for many years, is known to many in the community for her volunteerism with numerous organizations, including but not limited to the Terry Fox Run, the Festival of Trees and the Minden and District Horticultural Society. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Insurance company comes through

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much next time.”

Monk estimates her family used 12,000 sandbags in an attempt to stop flood waters from seeping into the building. She noted that after two major floods, the boulevard and front of the building has sunk and cracked, and will need repair, but is grateful for community members like Tom Prentice, who have worked to stabilize homes affected by flooding before.

This time around, Monk said her insurance company has been efficient and helpful in the aftermath of the flood.

“They are there for us 110 per cent,” said Monk. “They couldn’t believe how hard we worked to keep the water back for as long as we could. They’re so grateful we tried to keep the costs down. But we can’t take the credit, there’s no question about that.”

Monk has much praise for the community that stepped in to help while the family did what they could to prevent flood waters from the Gull River from taking over their business, and the family home located next door. Trucks were stopping with sandbags, people were delivering meals and even when

Monk tried to turn help away, the helpers persisted.

“My friends and mother were showing up and doing our laundry,” said Monk. “They said, ‘get over it, we’re taking your laundry,’ so we would have dry, clean clothes. You can’t believe what a community we live in.”

When the Hydro trucks showed up, Monk said they feared the worst – that Hydro would be shut off, and the 20-odd sump pumps humming through the night would be rendered useless.

“We thought, ‘please, please do not shut off our Hydro,’” said Monk. “The workers showed up, we opened the door and they said, ‘no, we’re here to save you.’”

Monk said the Hydro team brought two crews, side-by-sides and trucks to bring in sandbags and built the moat that surrounded their property.

“They were getting us gas out of their vehicles so we could keep pumps running,” she said. “They were checking on us all the time.”

Despite Monk having better insurance coverage this year, she still advocated for action in preventing future flooding to prevent the stress the water events bring to the residents and business owners.

“You see the stress on their faces, you see their pain, it’s awful,” she said. “They need to address this river. They need to protect people. Otherwise this town is going to die.”

People have been compassionate to Monk, worried that their own claims pale in comparison to both her house and business being underwater.

“It doesn’t matter how big or small your claim though, you feel violated,” she said. “Anyone that’s affected by this is affected. We all feel the pain whether it’s \$15,000 or \$250,000 or more.”

Though the repeated flooding has caused immeasurable stress for Monk and Cray, she is adamant the business will stay where it is.

“We’re not a big family, but because of this community, I feel I have a big family,” said Monk. “They care, they show up, they tirelessly work.”



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Councillor questions utility of personnel committee

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Jeanne Anthon, adding that she, “felt very isolated from that area,” of the township.

As Schell and fire training officer Mike Bekking pointed out, Minden Hills firefighters are already assessed on their skills within the department.

“Their skills are reviewed by myself,” Bekking said. “Firefighting is basically a skills occupation. Their skills are appraised through skill sheets.”

Schell pointed out that not all firefighters perform the same functions, so it would be difficult to establish a consistent assessment process.

“There are some people who just want to drive the truck,” he said. “It’s going to be different for everybody.”

Councillor Pam Sayne took exception to the concept, calling it micromanaging of the fire department.

“I was actually pretty shocked to see we were doing a performance review of volunteer firefighters when we haven’t even done a review on senior staff in three years,” Sayne said. Council recently decided that performance reviews for township’s chief administrative officer will be conducted by the personnel committee, which consists of Reeve Brent Devolin, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Jeanne Anthon.

An assessment of CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard had not been completed since she was promoted to the role from treasurer three years ago.

Sayne said she also believes the township shouldn’t have a personnel committee, and that matters currently discussed by the committee should be discussed by all of council.

“We’ve never seen minutes of the personnel committee,” Sayne said. “How did this come forward? I don’t even know.”

The recommendation for investigating performance reviews for firefighters came from the personnel committee.

Councillors Ron Nesbitt and Lisa Schell agreed with Sayne that performance reviews for firefighters would be an unnecessary move.

“Performance reviews have been done on firefighters in this jurisdiction before,” said Reeve Brent Devolin.

Assessments had been completed on firefighters in the late 1990s, but, according to a report from Schell, the practice was discontinued in the early 2000s as it was deemed unnecessary.

“A performance review is not meant to be a punitive process,” said Councillor Jean Neville, adding the process was supposed to be about personal growth.

“None of us like a performance review, let’s face it,” said Sayne.

“I disagree,” said Devolin. “This is not supposed to be a punitive thing.”

There was also discussion around whether volunteer firefighters should be considered volunteers or employees, since they are paid for attending calls and their responsibilities are greater than those of other township volunteers.

“They’re not volunteers in my mind,” said Devolin, adding that, “an employee is an employee is an employee.”

Devolin said he had questions around labour law when it came to volunteer firefighters and the issue was deferred until Blanchard, who was absent from last week’s meeting, could be present to answer questions.



Exhibit opens

Above, Kimberly Tucker describes the inspiration behind her exhibition, *The Inherent Legacy*, at its opening reception at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery Friday. Tucker’s work in the gallery blends renewable resources and their regenerative properties with materials that will have a permanent presence in the environment. Her work is part of two exhibits at the gallery, along with Kate Carder-Thompson’s *Paisley Tartan*. /ROBERT MACKENZIE Staff



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Councillors mull zoning bylaw amendments

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors are on the brink of passing numerous amendments to the township's zoning bylaw, but a group of seasonal residents told council last week they believe the process has been rushed and that there has not been sufficient time for residents to digest all of the information.

"The current housekeeping amendments are broad-ranging with a primary focus on providing additional clarity through clear language and consistent definitions; as well as providing new regulations on hunt camps and two-storey accessory structures which were previously unregulated, and not permitted respectively," read a report from township planner Ian Clendenen.

Changes would allow two-storey accessory structures to have sleeping cabins on the upper floor or half-floor. Such buildings are not to exceed six metres in height and are to be located at least 40 metres from the high-water mark on waterfront properties.

"The 40 metre setback was chosen to ensure that such structures do not become a dominating characteristic of the shoreline areas where they may be permitted," Clendenen's report read. "The number was also chosen to echo the Official Plan direction to limit lot coverage within 40 metres of the shoreline, and directing buildings to ensure that building height does not intercept the mature, natural tree line when viewed from the water."

While hunt camps have traditionally been permitted in rural zones on Crown land, "upon review planning staff determined that

the requirement for the rural zone land to be owned by the Crown is *ultra vires* (without authority), and the municipality stopped enforcing this requirement," the report read.

Changes would permit hunt camps on rural zone properties with a minimum size of 20.25 hectares.

Amendments would also include changes to building setbacks, requiring a three-metre setback from private roads and reducing the front yard setback from 23 to 15 metres for shoreline residential properties.

"Currently, through lots on water are severely restricted by means of applying the front yard to both street side and the water side of the lot," Clendenen's report read. "The 15-metre setback is the same as the required front yard for a shoreline residential lot no on the water."

Other proposed amendments include putting a maximum length on docks at 15 metres into the water from the high-water mark, and changes around regulations for parking and loading, as well as pits and quarries.

During a public meeting on June 8, seasonal resident Gerry Smith told councillors he had numerous concerns.

"There are quite a few of us here who are working together," said Smith, as the hands of many people sitting in the gallery in council chambers went into the air. "We're also not pitchfork-wielding cottagers. I'm here mostly to talk about process today."

Smith said that referring to the proposed amendments as "housekeeping" was misleading, and that some of the changes being put forward were quite substantial, potentially impacting the large investment many have put in their properties.

"I feel like my housekeeper showed up at

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I feel like my housekeeper showed up at my door, and she or he's got a jackhammer.

— MINDEN HILLS RESIDENT GERRY SMITH

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my door, and she or he's got a jackhammer," he said. "It's not fair representation."

While there were advertised public open houses on the zoning bylaw amendments in May, Smith said he also felt the township needed to do more to inform seasonal residents about what's going on.

"And I apologize, but a lot of us don't go to the [township] website," Smith said, adding nor do they read local newspapers.

"To really understand all of what Ian is talking about today is difficult," he said, requesting that council slow down and give residents a chance to process all the changes being proposed.

The amendments had been scheduled to be passed at a council meeting at the end of the month.

"This is council's, as a whole, first look at these amendments," said Councillor Jeanne Anthon. "Council, I believe, will want some time to deliberate also."

Anthon added, however, that she was uncomfortable making changes to the bylaw amendments based on Smith's presentation.

"I'm not comfortable with changes based on this morning, when there are thousands

of other residents who didn't respond," she said.

Councillor Jean Neville didn't think the township should be holding the document hostage because some seasonal residents were concerned they couldn't make their cottages look like their Toronto residences.

Particularly when it comes to the proposed changes on two-storey accessory buildings, Neville said there are a number of people waiting to get going on projects.

"This is building season and contractors are waiting on that one, particular point," she said.

Neville also said it was residents' job to keep themselves informed.

"It is their responsibility to take part in those open houses."

Councillor Pam Sayne pointed out that Minden Hills, like all other municipalities, functions under provincially mandated timelines when it comes to the passage of zoning bylaw amendments.

"We are working under provincial timelines," Sayne said. "The same timelines other communities are working under."

Sayne also said it was the responsibility of residents to keep themselves updated on publicly accessible township information, emphasizing they can subscribe to the township's email list.

"You've really got to get yourself on the list," she said.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he'd like to see staff take residents' concerns into account.

"I would like to see some plans to deal with some of this," Devolin said.

Like other members of council, the reeve said it was up to residents to engage themselves in public processes.

"Sign up for the email list," Devolin said. "Engagement isn't our responsibility. It's part of their responsibility."

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Into the fire

THERE WAS SOME fiery conversation in Minden Hills council chambers last week.

The discussion was about whether council should be instituting performance reviews for members of the township's volunteer fire department.

While some councillors believed such a process should be enacted, others felt it was unnecessary. Councillor Pam Sayne called it micromanaging of the township's fire department, and she is spot on.

Instituting performance reviews for the township's volunteer firefighters is a bad idea for a few reasons.

First, it's completely unneeded. Members of the Minden Hills fire

department already have their skills assessed by the township's training officer, a professional firefighter. It's difficult to imagine there is a greater authority on firefighting within the roster of the municipality.

The initiation of a performance review process in addition to this would imply a distrust in the abilities of the fire training officer and the township's fire chief.

It also stands to alienate the members of the fire department, who voluntarily give their time, which, in some cases, means risking their lives. As fire chief Doug Schell pointed out last week, recruitment can be difficult enough

without another level of assessment adding undue stress to members.

The county's other municipalities, it might be noted, do not conduct such reviews for their volunteer firefighters.

There was some discussion last week about whether volunteer firefighters should be considered volunteers or employees. While they are volunteers, they are also compensated for attending calls, and have responsibilities that

far outweigh those of somebody baking pies for a community hall fundraiser.

However, in this case, whether firefighters should be categorized as volunteers or employees is moot. If they are volunteers, then there is no need for them to be subjected to a

formalized performance review process. If they are employees, then they should be assessed by the department head – the fire chief – and township's training officer. Which they already are.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, council shouldn't be sticking its proverbial proboscis where it doesn't belong, which is what it would be doing with the creation of this policy. Council inserting itself where it doesn't belong caused a lot of trouble in Minden Hills during the previous term. It would be unfortunate if current councillors began repeating the mistakes of their predecessors.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Kwarky



"Timmy, despite your clothing choice and counting off days, school is not prison."

Fishing with a friend

AS I WRITE THIS, I am waiting for my best friend Tom to arrive so that we can go fishing. Since he's my best friend, we only do this once a year. You see, if we fished together more than that, he would not be my best friend. Tom knows nothing about fishing etiquette.

He does not appear to know that catching more fish than your best friend is rude.

Look, I've got nothing against him catching some fish. Heck, I do that on occasion too.

Tom's issue, however, is that he is not a gentleman about it. You see, I fish with a fly rod and Tom has no self-respect. He.... well, there's no nice way of saying this....he uses worms.

Look, I've got nothing against people who fish differently. I do, however, have something against people who, without knowing what they are doing, catch the first, biggest and most fish every year.

Frankly, it's unseemly. And Tom doesn't understand this.

Being a fly angler, I do. That's why every time I fish I do my level best not to catch the first, most or biggest fish. Ask anyone.

Often times, I'll go to extreme measures to do this too. Heck, I have been known to catch the crown of trees on shore, snag bottom, or create a bird's nest in my fly reel, just to avoid this. Once, my urge was so great not to catch fish that I fell out of the boat.

That's because I am well-mannered.

Tom – an inveterate worm dunker – has no such dignity.

Yet, I do not hold this against the idiot.

Instead, I smile and make small talk saying encouraging things like, "I sure hope your rod does not break."

I know what you are thinking. Instead of complaining I should help Tom with his problem.

I have tried this several times, but lately he has learned to keep his bait box out of reach.

So, the best I can do is smile when Tom asks me to take another photo of the fish and him from the neck down.

That, of course, is the gentlemanly thing to do.

The other way I try to help is by providing advice that doesn't make him look like such a clod.

But often he'll respond by saying, "So you want me to take the canoe and fish by those rapids?"

To which I typically respond, "Sure, go ahead. I'll catch up."

You know, it's amazing how many big fish can hold in Class

V rapids.

The other thing I do to help Tom is remove one pound of weight and six inches of length from the recollections I have of each fish he catches. That way, when he is retelling the story at the coffee shop to total strangers, I can correct the damage done when he goes to the washroom.

I begin by telling people that he is a highly functioning pathological liar.

The point I'm trying to make here is that I will not malign him but I will point out to other people he has worms. And, this trip, I will try to make a gentleman out of him by actually catching bigger, more and the first fish so that he does not have to bear that burden once again.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

When culture changed

THERE IS AN important anniversary in my life this month. It is an anniversary that tells more about a changed culture than my individual life.

Twenty years ago June 27 I left a daily newspaper career to become a freelance writer. I left not because I tired of the work, but because I could not stomach some of the people.

No, not the real workers. Not the gals and guys who work observing and reporting the important events of each day. They were dedicated, honest and fair journalists doing their best to inform their communities of what was happening in their lives.

Some of these folks were quirky. Some could be irritating at times, but I don't recall working with any that I truly disliked. Or any who put profit ahead of producing a factual and balanced news report.

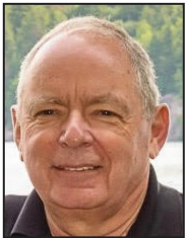
What I truly disliked were the new "leaders" brought into the daily news business during the late 1980s and the 1990s. They came with an increase in chain ownership; invaders with different values. They were business bobble heads from outside the news industry and bootlickers they brought with them or converted on the inside.

Their God was the bottom line and they replaced old-time publishers and others whose passion was product. For these invaders, producing news reports was no different than producing widgets. Many were narcissists who practised situational ethics, played loose with the truth, and were devoid of empathy.

Their mission was to resuscitate a failing newspaper industry through the bottom line. The result is well known: The North American daily newspaper industry is in a state of collapse.

A Pew Research Centre analysis indicates that U.S. daily newspaper circulation fell eight per cent in 2016, the 28th consecutive year of declines.

The new leaders lacked the understanding and feel for the business. They were total duds when it came to innovation. They were incapable of managing a



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

peanut stand.

What they and other business executives did manage well were their compensation agreements and future severance packages. From 1978 to 2013 chief executive officer compensation increased 937 per cent, while a typical worker's compensation increased 10.2 per cent. Those figures appeared in a 2014 report by the Economic Policy Institute, a U.S. non-profit think tank.

What happened in the news game also was happening in other industries. Workers were tossed from windows in the push for more profit. Sell more, care less about quality.

Appliances that used to last decades became throwaways after four to six years. Commercial airline service, once a pleasurable experience, descended to cattle car level.

The new culture in the business world rewrote the social contract under which people had lived since the end of the Second World War. It was a contract that set out the mutual expectations and obligations of workers and their employers and it helped to create the economic stability of the '50s, '60s and '70s.

The culture spawned in the '80s grew slowly but surely into what we see today. It is the culture of U.S. President Forrest Trump, his associates and their followers. It is a culture that values profit more than people.

Its theme: Everyone should be able to look after themselves. Why should society pay taxes to help pay for someone else's medical problems? If you don't have a great life, it's your own fault.

Change always will be a needed part of North American culture. But not change by oligarchs and moguls who are mean-spirited mongrels.

Certainly more change will come to the newspaper industry, some of it good. Major daily newspapering will be confined to large global centres – New York, London, Paris, Sydney and some others. These global newspapers will provide us with the most important and interesting news of the world.

News from our own surroundings will come from community newspapers like this one.

The culture typified by the Trumpists will disappear, overtaken by people who care for people and who work to find goodness, even in tragedy. People like the Castlegar, B.C. family of Christine Archibald who died in the latest London terrorist attack.

"Volunteer your time and labour or donate to a homeless shelter," the family said in a statement. "Tell them Chrissy sent you."

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letters to the editor

A flood of thanks

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Anson Street residents, we would like to send out a few thank yous to the many people who helped us during the recent flood. Some of those people were the Hydro One volunteers who were amazing, they tirelessly delivered sandbags to our street, driving in water up to their running boards and then placed the sandbags where the residents wanted them. For two solid days they did this. We so appreciated them. For the Dollos who allowed us to park on their empty lot on Bobcageon Street, it made a difference knowing we had somewhere to park.

For Marilynne and her volunteers at the food bank who provided lunch and dinner for two weeks both at the community centre and the food bank. There was a great sense of camaraderie as we sat eating and discussing the day's events of how we got in and out of our water-logged street. We so appreciated all their hard work and made us feel so welcome.

For Ron Nesbitt, who kindly picked up our garbage on the Monday in the middle of the two week span, so grateful we were to be rid of the stuff.

Many thanks to Home Hardware Rental for the loan of pumps, it was really appreciated by those in need. Where would we have been without Linda's Marina? She so graciously allowed us to park our boats, canoes and kayaks on her lawn. Last but not least, all the neighbours and friends who helped each other in various ways and who generously shared their boats, picked up groceries and to those who towed neighbours and helped navigate Anson Lake so we could get in and out as needed.

Another thanks to the Mennonites who helped door to door with sandbags.

To all of you, a huge thank you.

Patti Weiss and Frances Thivierge
Minden

Food is fuel

AS A PERSONAL trainer I often get questions from clients about nutrition. Sometimes the questions are regarding weight-loss and sometimes they are about eating the right things for a specific activity. While I do have a certification in nutrition, it is a service I don't offer. There are a couple of reasons. The first is that I believe that nutritional coaching should be done by a registered dietitian (there is a difference between a registered dietitian and nutritionist, and that's something I will cover in another article). The second reason is I believe that we all know what we can be doing to improve our eating habits, and that is the best place to start. While I don't offer a service that sets up meal plans or reviews food journals, I do provide some guidance to clients. It's more like a "food brainstorming" session.

If you're interested in changing your habits it starts with honesty. I suggest keeping a food journal for a couple of weeks. Documenting everything that goes in our mouths makes us think twice about our choices.

And speaking of choices, have a look



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

at the Canada Food Guide. The first food group listed is vegetables and fruits. If you're an adult and fall into the 19 to 50 age range, the recommended servings per day is seven to eight for women, and eight to 10 for men. I cannot say for sure that I get all of my servings in every day, but what I do know is that when I do, I eat less junk food, and I feel better.

The other part of the equation is when, and how much, to eat. That is different from person to person. This is where the food journaling really helps. If you're going to try keeping track of what you are consuming include when you ate, how much you ate, and how you felt as a result.

Food is fuel. We're turned it into other things like rewards, treats, and entertainment. The reality is it is meant to keep us moving and thinking and living. I encourage you to take an honest look at what you're using for fuel. You may just be amazed.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness: www.thepointforfitness.com.



Nature's surprise

Patricia Walshe, a resident of Spring Valley Road in Minden, shared this photo of nature being persistent after flooding covered the road last month. "This was an apparently dead branch that someone used to mark a terrible pot hole before the flood," she wrote. "Then the flood came and covered the stick and now a tree is growing." Photo submitted by Patricia Walshe

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Above, kids waited in line for a chance to run around in “hamster balls,” at the Haliburton County Fair on June 10. Laser tag and a play equipment area were a big draw for families this year. Right, Gracie Burns, 6, of Peterborough, got decorated while at the fair with her dad, Kris. “We came to the fair because we’re trying to keep the kids busy,” he said. SUE TIFFIN Staff



County fair delights crowds and organizers

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Participation numbers aren’t in yet from last weekend’s 153rd Haliburton County Fair, but organizers are thrilled with its success.

“From what I saw, turnout was the same or better than last year, and last year went really well,” said Eric Casper, president of the

Haliburton County Fair executive.

The annual event – older than the country itself – took place on June 10 at the Minden Fairgrounds. A focus on agricultural is essential to the fair, but there was something for everyone who attended.

“It’s all about agriculture,” said Casper. “But the entertainment gets people there, and then they’re walking past a pig or a cow or a goat and they can see where their food comes

from and what it’s all about.”

Plenty of families and visitors from out of town took in a classic car show, live music, mounted games, vendor booths, traditional crafts, facepainting, animal demonstrations, laser tag and hamster balls, and of course, fair food.

“It’s fantastic,” said Doug Higgins, who is from Toronto but bought a farm in Algonquin Highlands. “It’s hot and you can get the best

freshly squeezed lemonade ever.”

“It’s great,” said Kate Richardson, a Gull Lake cottager from Newmarket. “It’s a perfect day.”

Organizers are already talking about ideas to continue growing and evolving the fair next year, with the possibility of longer hours, a craft beer competition and more animal competitions.



Ella Grace Higgins, 4, of Toronto and Algonquin Highlands balanced on play equipment set up for children at the Haliburton County Fair on June 10.



Musicians with the Tucson Choir Boys band warmed up the stage for Cheryl Lescom in the concert area at the Minden Fairgrounds on the afternoon of the fair.

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Bus collision on Hwy 118 interrupts field trip

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

A Grade 8 graduation trip didn't get off to a great start when the two buses carrying Don Valley Middle School students to Camp White Pine in Haliburton collided on the morning of June 12.

“One bus jammed on the brakes, and the other one rear-ended him,” said Jon Schumacher, who witnessed the scene on Hwy 118 at Camp White Pine Court and called paramedics.

Students suffered minor injuries including cut lips and neck and back pain.

“They’re shaken up; it’s scary,” said Tyler Gmyrek, lead teacher for the trip.

All five county ambulances as well as EMS management attended to the accident, transporting students to the Haliburton Hospital for assessment while others waited, reportedly in stable condition, on spinal boards for the ambulances to return. Fifty-two students and four teachers were on the buses, and 16 students were transported to hospital.

“We flagged all the resources we had on duty to ensure all patients that required transport to the hospital were transported expediently, and appropriate patient care rendered,” said Tim Waite, deputy-chief, Haliburton County Paramedic Service.

Uninjured students were taken to the camp to eat and await the Toronto District School Board’s decision about whether or not the camp, scheduled until June 14, would continue.

“It’s a long way to come and then not have the chance to actually stay and enjoy being up here,” said Gary Dyszkant

of Camp White Pine, who was on scene to help. “It’ll be something to tell your high school on your first day.”

Dyszkant said the accident was unfortunate on what was to be a relaxing trip.

“It is a difficult road if you don’t know the area because it is just after the corner,” he said. “I’m sure the bus drivers have never been there before, they came up from Toronto. We’ve never had that type of incident where two buses collided bringing people here. It’s a first for us.”

Haliburton Highlands Health Services distributed a press release after the bus accident.

“At this time, the injured students and severity of the injuries is unknown,” said the release from Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO. “HHHS has increased staffing to assist with the volume and has initiated a Code Orange, which aims to coordinate a safe and effective response to an external disaster or event that may increase the capacity of the hospital.”

The investigation is ongoing, according to Haliburton Highlands OPP.

“One bus jammed on the brakes, and the other one rear-ended him

— JON SCHUMACHER



Two buses carrying students from a Toronto area school collided on Highway 118 near Camp White Pine on Monday. Minor injuries were reported at the scene. Many of the students were taken to Haliburton’s hospital, where they were assessed. SUE TIFFIN Staff

Chamber focuses on advocacy

by **ROBERT MACKENZIE**
Times Staff

Richard Wannan was approved as the new president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the group’s annual general meeting last Tuesday.

Wannan, who works for the Haliburton County Development Corporation, was one of five officers of the board appointed at the AGM, along with vice- presidents Linda Baumgartner and Trevor Chaulk, secretary Andrea Strano and treasurer Lisa Gregorini.

The theme of Tuesday’s meeting was advocacy. Ontario Chamber of Commerce representative Tracy Hanson spoke at the event, saying that the Haliburton chamber needs to continue its collaboration with the Ontario chamber in order to advocate amidst proposed changes to Ontario’s Labour Act. “I

think what’s important for the business community, and represented through the chamber, is to stick together and work in conjunction with the Ontario chamber...to make sure that Haliburton’s voice is heard when we take those messages forward to government about the changing legislations,” she said.

Several members at the meeting raised concerns about changes to Ontario’s employment standards, which the Haliburton and Ontario chamber opposed in a letter to the Ontario government last month. Most notably, proposed changes will include a \$15 minimum wage by 2019 and an increased minimum number of vacation days

In the meeting’s auditor’s report, finance chair Cheryl McCombe, who stepped down from her position following the meeting, announced that the Haliburton chamber had paid off its \$18,156 long-term debt thanks to the sale of their former building off highway 35.

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Public meeting to be held for those affected by the flood

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said during a committee-of-the-whole meeting on June 8 that residents affected by the flood this spring will have an opportunity to express their concerns at a public meeting.

The township was in a state of emergency from May 6 to 26 as the Gull River swelled its banks, leaving swaths of Minden underwater in a situation reminiscent of the 2013 flood.

“There’s really three phases that occur during the course of a flood,” Devolin said, the first being the crisis stage, which has now ended.

“The second phase is the recovery phase,” Devolin said, adding this phase is ongoing in Minden Hills. Some township infrastructure was damaged in the flood and the municipality has been working on repairing a damaged water main along Water Street, reopening parts of Rotary Park, etc.

Typically, the reeve said, this phase lasts 1.5 to two times longer than the crisis phase.

“We’re not anywhere near done,” Devolin said, adding that recovery may be completed by July.

Third, “we’re going to get around to thanking all the people who’ve been doing wonderful things,” Devolin said.

Numerous individuals and organizations have volunteered to assist flood victims, during and following the flood.

“It’s become exceedingly clear to me that we need to have some kind of public meeting as well,” Devolin said. “There will be

an opportunity to do that.”

During the 2013 flood, there was a public meeting at the Minden Hills Community Centre where residents were able to ask questions of representatives from the Trent Severn Waterway.

There has been some online criticism from Minden Hills residents of a lack of a public meeting this time around.

As for what kind of flood mitigation infrastructure projects might be required in Minden, “the type of things that have to be done will be many years in duration,” Devolin said. The reeve has said that he expects that flooding and flood mitigation will be a major topic of discussion at this summer’s Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ontario.

Two other municipalities in eastern Ontario also declared states of emergency due to flooding this spring.

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Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit Annual Report 2016

A Report to Our Community: Protection

Welcome to the 2016 Annual Report of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

We are the organization that delivers public health programs and services for residents in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. These programs help **protect** against disease, **promote** healthy living, and **prevent** illness and injury.

Starting today, and over the next two weeks, learn more about our work through stories, photos and statistics about what the Health Unit does to support the health of our residents and communities and you'll soon discover why we are your health partner for life!

Dr. Lynn Noseworthy
Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit



In Person: Protection Through Vaccination

Marianne Rock, Manager of Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology and Evaluation



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In schools, the Health Unit tracks immunization records to ensure thousands of local students have all the required vaccinations. If vaccine information is missing, we notify and work with parents to ensure students are fully vaccinated.

The Health Unit also works with health care providers, including hospitals and long-term care facilities to determine what vaccines they need, checking that vaccine storage fridges are in good working order and coordinating vaccine delivery to them.

We also investigate outbreaks and work to control the spread of diseases. We work with other health care providers to ensure people who are behind on their vaccinations receive all immunizations or follow the course of treatment prescribed to them.

Getting vaccinated is part of a healthy lifestyle. The Health Unit considers vaccination an essential service that helps ensure people in our community get the protection they need... and deserve!



In Focus:

Certified Dental Assistant Jennifer Atkins, of the Health Unit, applies fluoride varnish to a Kindergarten student at a public school in Cobourg.

Each year, the Health Unit provides free fluoride varnish to hundreds of children attending local daycares and kindergarten classes to help prevent tooth decay.

In Form: Food Safety Checks Good For Business

Heather Strang is glad for the extra set of eyes Health Unit inspectors bring each time they do food safety inspections at her grocery store.

Strang's store is one of hundreds of local food premises – including restaurants, chip trucks, long-term care home kitchens, hospital cafeterias and more – inspected throughout the year by public health inspectors with the HKPR District Health Unit. The Health Unit carries out inspections to ensure food premises follow Ontario law by handling, maintaining and preparing food in a safe and sanitary manner.

"Anything that contributes to food safety at our store is important for our business. Our shoppers expect that we provide safe, healthy food choices in all situations," says

Strang, who co-owns Strang's Valu-Mart in Bobcaygeon with her husband, Fred. "I appreciate that the public health inspectors are thorough, as they may spot some things that I might not notice."



Heather Strang, of Valu-Mart in Bobcaygeon

During inspections, public health inspectors ensure store staff are safely cooking, preparing and storing food, and that all preparation surfaces and areas of the store are properly cleaned. Health Unit staff can also answer questions of store employees.

As well, when food has been recalled nationally, public health inspectors have contacted staff at all stores to make sure they are aware of the recall and have removed affected products from store shelves.

At Strang's request in 2016, the Health Unit also provided food handler training for her staff. "The training through the Health Unit helps our staff understand why things must be done a certain way to ensure food safety."

In Fact:

Number of Animal Bite Investigations in 2016



514

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Number of Outbreaks Managed/Investigated



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Peculiar similarities at Agnes Jamieson Gallery

by LAURIE CARMOUNT
Special to Times

For the month of June there are two exhibitions being offered at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery that have peculiar similarities: *Paisley Tartan*, by Kate Carder-Thompson and *The Inherent Legacy* by Kimberly Tucker.

Both artists base their work on fibre. Kate

works in silk and uses patterns of paisley and tartans. Kimberly implements felt.

This is not the felt squares one can buy. This is handmade felt made from 100 per cent wool, produced by matting, condensing and pressing the fibres. It is the oldest form of fabric known which is soft and durable. Colour is added by dyeing the wool and through the pressing process, the colours can be blended.

Another commonality is the subject mat-



Solace, wool and glass, by Kimberly Tucker

ter. Kate's theme is about Queen Victoria and the colonization of India, Kimberly utilizes tea cups that have been encased and infiltrated by felt. Tea is a major factor in English history. Kate is specifically inspired by the fashionable Victorians' interest in science, exploring intersections of trend, morality and privilege in an empirical context.

The underlying connection for these two exhibitions, however, is the application of an evasive and eroding concept. Kimberly's work reminds me of old tarmac that is being taken over by natural growth – cracks that have young, green shoots working their way through. In all cases, the felting is either taking over, dominating the man-made object in either a caring or absorbing way, or encasing the object to make it part of an organic member. It is clever how many interpretations she has made of the one object, the tea cup. She says it “portrays the cycle from inception to decomposition and the complexities of that journey. If humans were to disappear from the earth, it would not take Nature long to breakdown and overcome our leavings.”

In *Paisley Tartan*, Kate invades the paisley print with embroidered bacteria in Petri dishes. She works cholera onto the queen's face. It points a finger and compares colonization to an infiltration, like a disease. The silk lab coats add a level of consideration of what role science may have...and who are the lab rats.

From these common elements, the two exhibitions separate. Kate's work is subtle and

requires further consideration and jogging of your memory of historical facts. Kimberly is more immediate and plays to the imagination. Her message is readily available to the viewer. However, both leave a very strong, lasting sensation that will continue to resonate long after visiting.

The exhibition is at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. Located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in the town of Minden. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information visit www.mindenhill.ca/art-gallery.

In July, the Minden Hills Museum will be working on some fibre art of their own. Along with getting our looms up and running in the village, we are inviting people to participate in a monthly Fibre UFO group. UFO, of course meaning Un-Finishing Objects (although any fibre arts project will do). We all have that sweater we started crocheting 10 years ago, or that one wool sock that never had a match knitted, or maybe you have finished all your projects and want to start something new. Whether you are a beginner knitter or an advanced rug hooker we would love to have you join us for this social afternoon. The group will be meeting on the third Friday of the month at 1 p.m. starting Friday, July 21. If you crochet, knit, weave, quilt, embroider, cross-stitch or would like to learn something new feel free to join us. All those interested in fibre arts are welcome.

Laurie Carmount is curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Shout Sisters to sing for affordable housing

by JENN WATT
Editor

They sing for the joy of it and to better the community.

Each year, the Shout Sister Choir puts on a fundraising concert to bring in dollars for local charities, treating the audience to an evening of uplifting song, goodies and a good cause.

“Our performances are joyful occasions and our audiences respond with delight to our enthusiasm and energy,” a press release from the Shout Sisters reads.

Places for People, which provides affordable rental housing in Haliburton County, was chosen as this year's recipient.

In 10 years, Places for People has created six rental units in the county and is currently looking for its next location.

“We're going to try to have our next property in Highlands East,” said Fay Martin, vice-president of the charity.

Although Place for People has already been looking in the municipality, the housing stock has made it difficult to find specifically what they're looking for. They've adjusted

their plan and are now seeking single family dwellings in one of the villages: Wilberforce, Gooderham or Cardiff. Having housing in settlement areas lessens the need for a vehicle for low-income families that are the target tenants of Places for People.

Martin encourages anyone in those areas with housing for sale – or lease – to get in touch: info@placesforpeople.ca.

“We're open for biz,” she said. “We'll consider anything.”

However, there are some restrictions. As a charitable group providing affordable housing, their budget isn't huge. If the agreement is a lease, it needs to be at least five years so that the tenants can feel secure that they won't have to relocate in the near future.

Funds from the community assist Places for People in acquiring new properties and keeping them up.

The concert will take place Friday, June 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$15, children 12 and younger get in for free. Get your tickets by contacting a choir member or buy them at the door.

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BioBlitz to document local species

by **ROBERT MACKENZIE**
Times Staff

More than 40 scientists will be pulling an all-nighter at the Dahl Forest June 24 as part of Haliburton's first ever BioBlitz.

A BioBlitz is a gathering of scientists to document as many living species in a specific area as possible over a 24 hour period. According to Mary-Lou Gerstl, board chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, although BioBlitzes have been growing in popularity, this is the first event of its kind in the county.

The BioBlitz was organized by the land trust in order to educate about species at risk and how vulnerable the animal population is, while at the same time showcasing the Dahl Forest – a property donated to the land trust that Gerstl says many people are still unaware of. “It’s such a great educational tool for the community, young and old,” she said. “It’s a great showcase for the land trust and what we do, because a lot of people still don’t know.”

Gerstl said Ed Poropat, a biologist and member of the land trust, has been recruiting the scientists, and that between 40 and 50 will be participating in the event. The different species that scientists document could be any living thing, from dragonflies to birds to trees, depending on the specialties and preferences of each scientist.

The BioBlitz will be taking place from 11 a.m. on June 24 to 11 a.m. June 25. Along with the species documentation, there will be eight guided walks by scientists and a lively presentation by Scales Nature Park.

Gerstl hopes the event will engage members of the community, while at the same time gathering information to gauge the future effects climate change will have on the species.

This is one of three land trust events this summer celebrating Canada 150. The land trust was approved more than \$29,000 for these projects through the government’s Canada 150 Fund.

Those planning on attending one of the guided walks are asked to go on the land trust website to register, as the scientists leading them will only be able to handle around 20 people.

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— MARY-LOU GERSTL, BOARD CHAIR OF
THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS LAND TRUST

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The Dahl Forest will host the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's upcoming BioBlitz June 24. The event will see more than 40 scientists attempting to identify as many species as they can in a 24-hour period. There will also be guided walks and other events over the course of the Blitz. FILE PHOTO

Haliburton County's First BioBlitz

Starting on Saturday, June 24 at 11:00 am and finishing on Sunday, June 25 at 11:00 am at Dahl Forest - 1307 Geeza Road, just south of Gelert, off Gelert Road (County Road 1) This intensive field study, conducted by scientists and naturalists, will attempt to record as many living species as possible within Dahl Forest. The general public is invited to register for a number of guided walks led by experts during the day and night. Come and learn more about biodiversity and help find and identify species.

Don't be disappointed, register today for guided hikes and workshops. www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 24, 2017 (guided hikes are about 1 hour)

- 12:00pm** - Introduction to Odonates (Dragonflies & Damselflies)- Kyle Holloway
- 12:30pm** - Fish & Aquatic Invertebrates - Presentation with Paul Finigan & Brian Round
- 1:00pm** - Tree Identification - Jim Hopkins
- 4:00 pm** - Introduction to Butterflies - Dan Bone
- 8:00pm** - Evening Bird Identification - Thom Lambert
- 10:00pm** - Bat Biology and ID - Jon Boxall
- 10:00pm** - Moth Identification - Dave Beadle, Dennis Barry

Sunday, June 25, 2017

- 7:00am** - Early Morning Bird Hike - Thom Lambert
- 9:00am** - Reptiles and Amphibians (Herps) and the Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas - Emma Horrigan

In addition, for families and less mobile people, we have the wonderful staff from **Scales Nature Park** visiting, and providing an educational program on “**Wetland Wildlife**”, with **live reptiles and amphibians on June 24 at 2:00pm** at the main marquee by the main gate.



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Batter up

Left, Grade 7 and 8 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School gathered for a friendly baseball tournament at the diamonds in Minden on Monday, June 12. The idea is to get students acquainted with one another before they start attending high school together. Below, a JDH Jaguars player heads for home. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Left, a JDH Jaguars player makes his way to first during action against ASES during the baseball tournament at the Minden diamonds on June 12. Below right, an ASES Wildcats player settles into first base during a game against the JDH Jaguars.





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SIRCH expects surplus by September

by ROBERT MACKENZIE
Times Staff

After running a deficit in the year prior, SIRCH community services expects to be back in the black by September.

The Haliburton County charity presented their financial statement for the past year in their annual general meeting June 7, which showed a long-term debt of \$100,692. However, the sale on their property off County Road 21 is planned to close in September, which SIRCH believes will bring them back into a surplus.

"It's just optimistic to know that by the end of September we'll be back in the black and maybe have a bit of extra money to use on projects," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson.

The School's Cool program, which prepares children aged three to five for the upcoming school year, is returning to Minden and Haliburton this summer. Last year, SIRCH cancelled the program due to a lack

of funds.

This winter SIRCH introduced a "Smash Room" in their Bancroft Thrift Warehouse. The room allows people to purchase chipped or one-off china and glassware that wasn't being sold and throw it at targets on the walls. The Thrift Warehouse increased revenue by more than 18 per cent this year.

The Cook It Up program returned for its third year, giving food service training to nine unemployed or underemployed community members. Four of the nine participants in this year's program are now working in the food service industry. SIRCH's Community Kitchen made almost 4,000 meals this year given to families in the county struggling with poverty or other such circumstances.

From left, Cammy George and Wendy Ladurantaye listen to SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson give her closing remarks at the charity's annual general meeting on June 7. /ROBERT MACKENZIE Staff



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Gearing up for the Highland Yard

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are a series of brief reports of items discussed during a June 8 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The 46th annual Highland Yard road race will be take place in Minden on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 6.

For the past few years, the race has been a fundraiser for local affordable housing organization Places for People.

"You can see here what a tradition it is for people, doing this race," said organizer Jack Russel in a presentation to council.

Forty-five per cent of participants last year had done the event three to five times and 14 per cent had done it more than 15 times. One participant had run the race for 39 years.

"We have two participants who are in their 80s . . . and they raise a lot of money for us," Russel said.

The day includes two-, five- and 10-kilometre races.

Places for People operates properties in Haliburton,

Carnarvon and Minden and is working on a project in Highlands East. A second Minden location will also open in a building on property owned by Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

At present, the Places for People properties house seven adults and 19 children. The organization, which renovated its first property in 2009, has graduated seven families, five of them into home ownership.

Peck Street project delayed

The reconstruction of Peck Street, which connects Anson Street and Bobcaygeon Road, will be delayed until the fall.

The project, which will cost approximately \$370,000, was scheduled to begin May 24 and be completed by July 1.

However, weeks of flooding in Minden meant the project was unable to get underway on schedule.

Minden Hills township will now wait until the summer rush is over and begin the project in September.

NFTC location approved

The North Frontenac Telephone Company, which will construct a high-speed, fibre optic cable network in Minden, will construct a building to house its equipment on municipal property at the intersection of Prince and Teasdale streets.

The site is located close to the fibre feed owned by Haliburton County and is a good, central location for feeding fibre into Minden.

"It's the exactly right spot for it to be," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

The company will construct a 4.8-square metre building at the site, that building similar in size and appearance to a building the company constructed near the Dysart et al township offices in Haliburton village.

A lease agreement between the company and the township is expected to be approved at a June 20 council meeting.

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News celebrity to host Katie's Run for Epilepsy

For years, people with epilepsy have been keeping relatively quiet about their condition. But for some that just isn't possible, like when your first seizure happens on live television while reporting the news. That is what happened to Mark McAllister, former journalist with Global News, in March of 2011.

McAllister's life changed immediately. Soon after this incident, he was told the cause of his slurred speech that day was epilepsy. Since then, he has been speaking publicly and educating others about the condition. He works closely with Epilepsy Toronto, dedicating his time to helping others who

are living with epilepsy.

McAllister will be the special guest host at the sixth annual Katie's Run for Epilepsy on Saturday, June 24 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The event features a 5K and 10K run, a 2.5K walk/run, an auction, an impressive collection of donated prizes, medals, food, face painting and more.

This year, organizers have partnered with EpLink, the epilepsy research program of the Ontario Brain Institute. All funds raised will be tripled, which explains this year's fundraising goal of \$33,334. Multiplied by three, this would result

in \$100,000 going towards much needed epilepsy research, essentially doubling what has already been raised in the first five years of this event that keeps getting bigger every year. Considering that \$30,000 was raised in 2016, this is a realistic goal and organizers are counting on their dedicated sponsors, donors, fundraisers and participants to help them reach it.

The website, www.katiesrun.ca, is the place to go to show your support by making a donation, pledging a participant, registering for one of the events, or setting up a fundraising page.

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Make energy from wood waste commission told

Energy created from wood waste and the sale of crown land to the public for recreational use were two of the proposals presented to the Haliburton County Economic Development Commission's third 'In Search of Development' meeting at Wilberforce, last Friday evening.

Bruce Gibbs, representing Wilberforce Veneer, told the commission that wood waste should be converted into electricity.

This procedure calls for the wood waste to be made into steam power then into electricity and the power could be utilized or sold to Ontario Hydro, said Mr. Gibbs.

Currently the government is experimenting with this idea in the Hearst area, he added.

"Wood pellets could easily be made by pulverizing the waste and the pellets that come out like dog food," said Mr. Gibbs.

He pointed out that in the future these pellets could take the place of oil in furnaces and would be highly versatile.

"Reforestation, culling and forest management should be practised...it's survival of the fittest and the forests are decreasing every year," he told the commission.

He said the forest management programs carried out by the Ministry of Natural Resources which have been cut back because of government restraints, have hardly scratched the surface.

"In 10 or 20 years, programs like this will be very important," Mr. Gibbs said.

He asked the commission to use its influence to promote funding from all levels of government to help get the wood waste project off the ground.

"Private industry is ready to go ahead," he added.

Haliburton County warden and Stanhope Reeve, Jim Harrison, said he was also going to present a similar wood waste but would omit it and carry on with the rest of his presentation.

He said since most of the water front property in the county was almost exhausted, the government should make crown land available to private owners.

"Most of the land which can be developed is classed non-development because it is crown land," said the warden.

He said this would have a three-fold effect: it would stimulate the economy with the clearing of land, building roads, constructing houses; businessmen would sell products and this would result in an increased cash flow; the

development would have an everlasting effect as it would increase the assessment base thus maintaining a stable tax rate which would help offset the increased cost caused by the withdrawal of federal and provincial funds.

Strict controls would have to be administered to make sure the lakes were not overpopulated, said Warden Harrison.

Martin Hoffman, of the Flying Dutchman Carpentry in Haliburton, told the commission that the small businessman needs help but in more beneficial ways than the government is now providing.

"Where is the help from the government, the small businessman now stands alone," he said.

He said when we went to the government for assistance to set up a business one year ago, the government would not help a business investment under \$50,000. Since he only spent \$30,000 he was left out in the cold.

Jane Heppleston, from the Manpower Outreach centre in Haliburton, gave a presentation on seven viable programs that might be of assistance to businessmen wanting to start businesses.

The programs included wage assistance and tax credit programs.

Representing the Haliburton Anti-Pollution Committee Sonya Hollida-Rhodes suggested that a task force be set up by the commission to investigate all proposals, especially pulp mills and uranium mines.

"We are aware of a need for economic growth, but it must co-exist with tourism and not detract from the county's

natural beauty," added Mrs. Holliday-Rhodes.

Giving the next presentation was Bill Valentine, a member of the commission.

He said a few words on stone construction in the area as it had not been mentioned by anyone at the previous meetings.

"Stone is one of our most plentiful resources," then he added "there is enough to support three quarries in the county...and opportunities are endless."

The next proposal, given by Bob Vick, the reeve of Snowdon Township, suggested that consideration be given to a woodworking plant, pulp, pallets and a correctional institute whether it be minimum or maximum.

"Consideration should also be given to the development of the existing natural resources within our area," he added.

Patrick Daniel, NDP candidate for the Victoria-Haliburton riding, presented two proposals, one for the Mountain Lake Cottagers Association and the other one as an individual.

The Mountain Lake cottagers suggested that a list of associations should be made up so these groups could be informed of upcoming events that may involve their interests in the county.

Then wearing the other hat he suggested that all levels of government should be encouraged to help light industry get off the ground.

On the same note he said that cautions should be taken to make sure that industries don't destroy the natural beauty and tourist industry.



The Minden Scouting movement planted 3,000 red pine trees last Saturday to raise money for the club

Shotgun and rifle range in the making

Haliburton County Marksmen Club have received municipal approval for a shotgun and rifle range.

The range will be located in Anson, Hindon and Minden's gravel pit on the Bobcaygeon Road, just two miles north of Minden.

According to the club, it's a beautiful site with a natural backstop and shots will be in a northerly direction so the sun will not hamper shooting in either the early morning or evening.

The club will be negotiating with the only homeowner in the area and that residence is one mile from the range site.

Now that the club has council's approval, steps will be taken to have the range

ready for action in about four weeks, Dr. Jeff Lodenquai, president of the club, told The Times Wednesday night.

The club is also planning to have the range approved for restricted weapon use (handguns and target pistols) by the solicitor general of Canada.

But the range will have to be slightly modified for that use.

The club had two other alternatives to the gravel pit site but it seemed the most convenient at a club meeting a week ago last Tuesday night.

The executive received a letter from George Hamilton, director of the Leslie Frost Centre, stating that a schedule could be arranged for the club

to use the centre's range if members were willing to do some maintenance on the site.

"It's very encouraging" said the president adding that one factor against the range was that it was 22 miles north of Minden.

Question was also raised to the fact as to whether the range was approved by the solicitor-general for restricted weapon use.

Although police and conservation officers use the range for handgun matches and other competitions, they are registered restricted weapon carriers and would not necessarily have to shoot on an approved site.

Another location... the continued on page 3

Co-op food is cheaper and tastes better

The Highland Food Club is trying to form a co-op to offer large quantities of goods at cheaper prices.

The group is presently ordering from the Toronto Federation of Co-ops but with more members food could be bought from other suppliers as well.

It costs \$20 a family to join the club. This money is used to cover expenses as there is no-profit to the club.

Its main objective is to provide good food at more reasonable prices than in the grocery stores.

The items included on the price list include: refined oil, unrefined oil, pasta, seeds, spices, herbs and extracts,

baking supplies, beans and bean products, beverages, cereals, granolas and pancake mixes, cheese, dairy products, flour, fruits, grains, dried legumes, shelled raw nuts, nuts in the shell, spreads and sweeteners.

The foods available are not health foods, they are healthy foods without the common additives, just plain good taste.

The next meeting date will be in the 'coming events' column in the newspapers.

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The Highlands East Community Cooks will be offering a Hot Lunch for All

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Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce

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Shout Sisters Concert

When: Friday, June 16, 7:30

Where: Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton

Tickets \$15.00

Available at Organic Times in Minden or Masters bookstore in Hali or from members of the choir or Places for People, which is the charity of choice to receive proceeds. Or at the door.

Food and Beverage Showcase

When: Date: Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Wintergreen Maple Products, 3325 Gelert Rd., Minden

Spend the day eating delicious food and beverage samples from local vendors. Check out live entertainment. Bid in the silent auction. Money raised from the event benefits the local YWCA and the global Help A Village Effort. Cost is \$20 for those older than 16. \$50 for families. To reserve a ticket, call Diane Dawson 705-286-3202 or email dawson.wintergreen@sympatico.ca.

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Library Book Sale

When: Saturday June 17 (same day as the Trash'n Treasure Event)

Place of Event: Dysart Branch Library Lawn

Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Maple Lake United Church, Lawn and Bake Sale

When: Saturday June 17, 9 am - 2 pm

Where: corner of Hwy 118 and Airport Road

Light lunch will be available

Third Annual Release of the Butterflies (SIRCH Community Services)

When: Sunday June 18 from noon until 2:00 pm

Where: Minden Cultural Centre (176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden)

This is a family event with music provided by local band Simply Befuddled, a performance by Heritage Ballet, children's activities, face-painting, barbecued sausage on a bun, snacks, and information about butterflies and butterfly gardens. The butterfly release will take place at 1:30.

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wednesday, June 21. Doors open 6pm, presenter 7pm

Where: Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden

What: Local historian and author Jim Mitchell presents his book "A Little Piece of Paradise - the History of Canning Lake"

Cost: no charge - everyone welcome

For more info contact Gail 705-286-2225

Lochlin United Church Musical Event: "Two-Bit Threesome and Friends"

When: Thursday June 22, 7 p.m.

Where: Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Road (off Gelert Rd.).

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When: Saturday June 24

A variety of workshops and events are open to the public while environmental experts from across the province spend 24 hours gathering data on plant and animal species at the Dahl Forest. Register for events online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705 457 3700

Canada 150 deadline extended

Local MP Jamie Schmale announced he is extending the nomination deadline for his Canada 150 Awards until June 30.

"I have heard from many constituents who would like more time to put their applications together," said Schmale. "I want to respect those wishes to ensure we have the opportunity to recognize all the outstanding citizens of our riding"

Residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will now have until Friday, June 30 to submit their nominations.

The Canada 150 Awards will be presented to the chosen recipients in July in fifteen categories, including; Agriculture, Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Caregivers; Community Builders; Educators; Entrepreneurs; Faith in Action; First Responders; Good Neighbours; Legions and Ladies/Youth Auxiliaries;

Older Adults; Service Clubs; Sports and Recreation; Youth/Student; and Other.

Applications are available online (www.jamieschmale.ca) or can be picked up at MP Schmale's constituency office located at 1-68 McLaughlin Road in Lindsay. Each application requires a minimum of two letters of reference for the nominee and a sponsor.

"There is no better way to celebrate this important year than by recognizing the outstanding contributions of the people who have made Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock great," added Schmale. "I have been very impressed by the nominations we have received already."

Submitted

Stay cool in a heat wave

The following tips were sent by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

During the extreme hot weather, the health unit advises local residents to take the following precautions:

- Avoid outdoor sports activities or moderately intense physical activity.
- Check-in with vulnerable family, friends, acquaintances, clients.
- Drink lots of water and natural fruit juices even if you don't feel very thirsty.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee and cola.
- Avoid going out in the sun or heat when possible. If out-

side, stay in the shade and plan to go out early in the morning or evening when it is cooler.

- Go to air conditioned facilities (shopping malls, libraries, community centres or a friend's).
- Keep shades, drapes, and blinds closed on the sunny side of your home, but keep windows slightly open. If you do not have air conditioning, use fans.
- Keep lights off or turned down low.
- Wear loose fitting, light clothing and a wide brimmed hat.
- Take a cool bath or shower periodically or cool down with cool, wet towels.
- Avoid heavy meals and using your oven.

Win Blue Jays tickets

Attention shutterbugs: Send in your best pics of What being Canadian in the Haliburton Highlands means to you for a chance to win tickets to the Toronto Blue Jays game July 9. Send in your photos by Thursday, June 29 for your chance to win. All photos will be published in County Life throughout the summer. Send your photos to jenn@haliburtonpress.com. KAREN LONDON Staff



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Guest Speakers:

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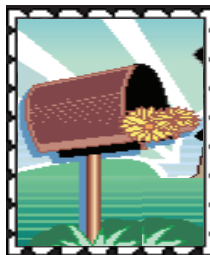
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Mona Maud Campbell (nee McPherson)

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Monday, June 12, 2017, at the age of 93.

Beloved wife of the late Malcolm. Dear mother of Andy and his wife Sylvia Campbell of Minden, Susan and her husband Les Wagner of Delta, BC. Loving grandma of Jordan, Mackie, Andrew, Dylan and Ben. Dear sister of Agnes Charles (Sam-deceased). Fondly remembered by her special nephew Johnny. Mona graduated as a Registered Nurse at the Mack School of Nursing in St. Catharines.

It was Mona's wish for cremation. Private family arrangements.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

Edward "Eddie" McKirdy

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital on Monday, June 5, 2017, at the age of 76.

Loving husband of Helen McKirdy (nee Ratcliff). Dear brother of Margaret Gale (deceased) (George), James (Marion-deceased), brother-in-law of Rick Ratcliff (Jane Leavis), Dawn McDonald (Kevin). Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In keeping with Ed's wishes cremation has taken place. Helen will receive family and friends at the McKirdy residence on 30 Windover Dr., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 2:00 until 5:00 pm.

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In Loving Memory of

Donald "Don" Nelson Sisson

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at the age of 92.

Beloved husband of late Marjory Mary Sisson (nee Carr). Dear father of Brent (deceased) and Martin (Vicki). Loving grandfather of "little" Marty, Robert "Bobby" (deceased), Alexander (Jesse), Mary (Devan) and great grandfather of Isobel. Survived by his brother Ray, predeceased by his brothers Andy, Brant, Calvin, Carl, Holly, Max and by his sisters Ina, Ida, Mae and Vivian. Lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake on Monday, June 12, 2017 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Don's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery. Reception to follow back at the church (downstairs).

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Joann Preston (nee Chillman)

Passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. In her 81st year.

Beloved wife of Barry. Dear mother of Bill (Sophia) and Daniel. Loving grandmother of Jesse, Tyler, Sasha, Suzanna, Evan and great grandmother of Zoey and T.J.

It was Joann's wish for cremation. Private family arrangements.

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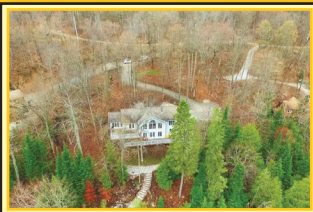
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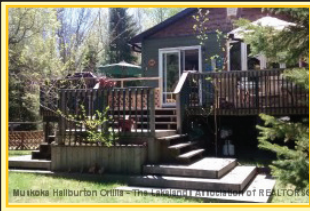
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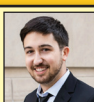
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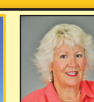
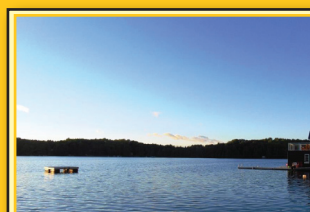
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